



Richland County Council
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
MINUTES
December 6, 2022 – 2:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair, Derrek Pugh, and Paul Livingston

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **Minutes: November 17, 2022** – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Pugh

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Malinowski and O. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Mr. Pugh moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, and Mackey

Not Present: Malinowski and O. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION** –
 - a. **SCDOT I-26 Widening Mitigation Bank Credit Transaction** – Mr. Maloney stated South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) updated their request for wetland and stream credits. The updated request is for 22.80 wetland and 16,500 stream credits at a rate of \$12,500 and \$175 per credit, respectively. The mitigation credit sales will generate \$2,778,572.88, which will be credited to the Transportation Penny Program.

Mr. Livingston inquired if this changes the value of the credits.

Mr. Maloney responded the unit price remained the same. SCDOT simply changed the amount of credits needed. Staff is requesting approval for the sale of 22.80 wetland, and 16,500 stream credits, and to allow any changes SCDOT may have until the sale is completed.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the sale of 22.80 wetland and 16,500 stream credits to SCDOT, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

Ms. Mackey inquired, after the sale of the mitigation bank credits, what the balance will be in the Penny Program.

Mr. Maloney responded approximately \$10M.

Ms. Mackey inquired, if there were any changes made by the SCDOT, if the Council would be informed.

Mr. Maloney responded, if any changes are made after the approval, Council will be updated.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston and Mackey

Not Present: Malinowski and O. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey noted two press conferences will be held this week in relation to Penny Project. She requested Mr. Maloney to provide an overview of the projects.

Mr. Maloney stated on Wednesday, December 7th, there will be a ribbon cutting for the Innovista – Phase II, which is the Greene Street extension from Gadsden Street to Huger Street. Then on Thursday, December 8th, will be the Bull Street/Elmwood Avenue groundbreaking, which will include adding lanes, improving the capacity, and reducing the delay at the intersection by 57%.

Ms. Mackey noted staff continues to work on a plan to highlight the Penny Program and educate the residents of the Penny Program Projects.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston and Mackey

Not Present: Malinowski and O. Walker

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:09 PM.